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SPECIAL ORDER NO. 23-9518

TO: All A.S.E.D. Personnel and All Authorized Inspection Stations

SUBJECT: Brake Line Hose Inspection

Proper inspection of rubber brake line hoses would be to gently flex the hose to determine if there are cracks. If cracks appear, the hose would be rejected if the second layer which is the cord layer is cut or exposed. Should the cord layer not be cut or exposed, the hose would not be rejected.

This Special Order is to be inserted in the inspection manual following Sections 11.14.02.03 on Page 178, 11.14.03.04 on Page 246, 11.14.04.03 on Page 287 and 11.14.05.04 on Page 367.

A handwritten signature in cursive script, reading "R. Joel Underwood".

R. Joel Underwood, Captain
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March 1, 1999

SPECIAL ORDER NO. 23-9904

TO: All A.S.E.D. Personnel and All Authorized Inspection Station Personnel

SUBJECT: Service Brake Performance Road Test

Effective immediately, the following revision is being made to the road test section of the service brake performance test. The requirement of a "dry surface" has been eliminated.

A road test will be conducted on a substantially level, hard and smooth road, free of ice, snow or standing water. The road test will be conducted for a distance of at least one mile at a minimum speed of 20 MPH.

This Special Order is to be inserted in the inspection manual, Section 11.14.02.03 A between page 174 and 175, Section 11.14.03.04 between page 244 and 245 and Section 11.14.04.03 between page 284 and 285.

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SPECIAL ORDER NO. 23-9905

TO: All A.S.E.D. Personnel and All Authorized Inspection Station
Personnel

SUBJECT: Inspection of Exhaust Systems

When inspecting an exhaust system that has rusted or corroded areas, DO NOT USE any objects or tools against the rusted or corroded areas to determine the soundness of the metal.

Check rusted or corroded areas for soundness by applying hand pressure or lightly rubbing the area with a dry mechanic's rag.

This Special Order is to be inserted in the inspection manual following Sections 11.14.02.06 on Page 192, 11.14.03.07 on Page 252, and 11.14.04.06 on Page 306.

This Special Order supersedes any Orders or Memoranda in conflict therewith.

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SPECIAL ORDER NO: 23-0114

TO: All A.S.E.D. and Authorized Inspection Station Personnel

SUBJECT: Xenon/High Intensity Discharge Headlamps (HID) and Fog Lamps

PURPOSE:

To ensure that A.S.E.D. personnel and all authorized inspection station personnel are aware of the inspection regulations concerning the Xenon/High Intensity Discharge Headlamp systems that are being found on vehicles more frequently, whether as original or aftermarket equipment; as well as the acceptable colors of fog lamps when lit.

POLICY:

A. Xenon/High Intensity Discharge Headlamps (HID)

1. Beginning with model year 1996, certain vehicles were manufactured with Federal D.O.T. approved Xenon/High Intensity Discharge Headlamps (HID). These headlamps are distinctive from halogen headlamps as they emit more light and have a blue/white tint to them, much like stadium lights. Since these headlamps meet Federal D.O.T. approval, they are in compliance with Maryland Law and Code of Maryland Regulations (COMAR) 11.14.02.10; 11.14.03.08; and 11.14.04.12; and will pass inspection.
2. Xenon headlamps, as described above, should not be confused with aftermarket colored halogen headlamp bulbs. Some aftermarket headlamp bulbs display normal white light; however, when the light strikes the road surface or other objects, the road or objects will appear blue or darker than normal. These headlamp bulbs can be distinguished either day or night when lit, because the headlamp lens will have a rainbow effect to it. These types of aftermarket headlamp bulbs are not legal, and will not pass inspection. Any headlamp bulb displaying any color other than *WHITE* will not pass inspection.
3. Any other vehicle with an aftermarket Federal D.O.T. approved Xenon/High Intensity Discharge Headlamp (HID) system, made for that vehicle, will pass inspection.

B. Fog Lamps

1. Fog lamps, when lit, can only be white or yellow in color. Any other color will not pass inspection.

This Order supercedes all other orders or memorandums in conflict therewith. It is to be inserted in the COMAR inspection manual following Section 11.14.02.10, page 200; Section 11.14.03.08, page 252; and Section 11.14.04.12, page 318.

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